

## **Fort Lehi Wall History**

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**The Church, of course, was the fundamental reason for the community. And the old First Ward church building was the first public building built in Lehi as far as I understand — there on 1st South and 2nd West. It was within the confines, not the exact middle, but within the confines near the middle of the old Fort Wall.**

**The old Fort Wall ran around Lehi. This old First Ward building was built near the center of the wall. The Fort Wall ran along 3rd South, between Center Street and 1st East, then north through the middle of the block, up to First North here, then west on First North where the monument is out here over to 4th West then south to 3rd South again.**

**So the First Ward building was built in about the center of the Fort area. One of the things that I remember about the old Fort Wall is that my Grandfather Peter, when they tore down the old Fort Wall, used some of the adobe out of that wall to build our family home down on 3rd South.**

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**Lehi because that Fort Wall ran through the center of the block and when they made the streets the old fort wall was there so they didn't count that as part of the footage I guess, for a city block. But the footage between Center Street and first East is larger than any other of the city blocks.**

**I remember playing on that wall up there. We went up to a vacant lot as kids and we would play Indians and cowboys and so on, on what was left of the old fort wall. That would have been in the '30s.**

**Well, I think it was finally leveled in about '38 or '39. That's when they went through there and leveled out the area and built some homes.**